

## Ancient Sparta

### Questions/Activities:

Answer each question from your reading.

- What is a polis? Identify some of its general characteristics.
- Identify the different ways that a polis could be governed.
- How did the Spartans achieve the domination of the Peloponnesus?
- Why did the city-state of Sparta develop into a military state?
- You are a social scientist trying to understand the culture, values, and society of the polis of ancient Sparta.
- As a social scientist, you want to know the following about this city-state:
  - \* geographic location and physical environment [geographer]
  - \* social classes [sociologist]
  - \* government structure and laws [political scientist]
  - \* diplomacy/foreign policy [historian/political scientist]
  - \* military capabilities [historian]
  - \* commerce and trade [economist]
  - \* education system [sociologist/anthropologist]
  - \* art/architecture [archaeologist]
  - \* ideals and values of the society [sociologist/anthropologist]

As you go through the reading above, take good notes on these categories so that you will be able to intelligently analyze ancient Sparta in class.

### Terms:

Polis acropolis monarchy aristocracy oligarchy phalanx helot ephors laconic